

Treasury Department,

BUREAU OF THE MINT.

Washington, D. C., December 7, 1888

Hon. Daniel M. Fox,
Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

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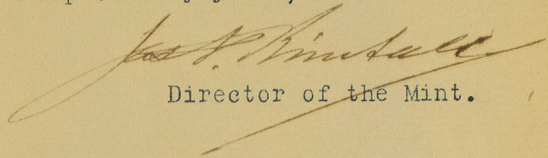
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Hereafter, you are requested to refer to this Bureau any

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jos. P. Mintell". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name "Director of the Mint.".

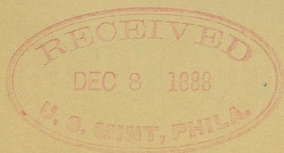
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James R. Kimball.
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